



STATE MEDICAID P&T COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, July 15, 2010
7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.
Cannon Health Building
Room 114



MINUTES

Committee Members Present:

Ellie Brownstein, M.D.

Kort DeLost, R.Ph.

Brandon Jennings, PharmD.

Tim Morley, R.Ph.

Beth Johnson, R.Ph.

Karen Gunning, PharmD.

Ray Ward, M.D.

Board Members Excused:

Michael Flynn, M.D.

Dept. of Health/Div. of Health Care Financing Staff Present:

Jennifer Zeleny, CPhT, MPH

Lisa Hulbert, R.Ph.

University of Utah College of Pharmacy Staff Present:

Melissa Archer, PharmD.

Patricia Wayment

Gary Oderda, PharmD.

Other Individuals Present:

Brett Brewer, EMD Serono

Kurt Oelert, The Medicine Shoppe

Scott Clegg, Lilly

Meeting conducted by: Ray Ward, MD, Co-Chairperson.

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1. Minutes for May 2010 were reviewed, corrected, and approved. Brandon Jennings moved to approve the minutes. Dr. Brownstein seconded the motion. The motion was approved with unanimous votes by Kort DeLost, Karen Gunning, Dr. Ward, Dr. Brownstein, Brandon Jennings, Beth Johnson, and Tim Morley.
 2. DUR Board Update: Lisa Hulbert addressed the Committee. In June, the DUR Board re-elected Dr. Lehmann as chairman, expanded the Suboxone prior authorization, and placed Samsca on PA. In July, ketorolac, Istdodax, Ampyra, and Tysabri were placed on PA.
 3. Prostaglandin eye drops: Melissa Archer from the University of Utah College of Pharmacy addressed the Committee and presented materials prepared on the topic of ophthalmic prostaglandin eye drops.

Karen Gunning asked if it was common for patients to be refractory to latanoprost. Melissa Archer stated that this was a common area for study.

The Committee asked if pigment discoloration was common among all three agents. This is a common problem that occurs with all three agents.

Dr. Ward asked if it was common for patients to be refractory to latanoprost because it was an inferior product, or if it is because latanoprost was out first and more patients have experience with it. Dr. Archer stated she believed that was probably the case.

The Committee reviewed utilization data. The numbers were small and indicated a small incidence of glaucoma among patients under the age of 65. There were no prescriptions for latanoprost.

The Committee asked if one bottle could last more than one month. Dr. Archer pointed out a table that shows package size and how long a bottle could last. Travatan Z does not come in individual dosettes; the bottle design makes it possible to have it preservative free.

There was no public comment.

Kort DeLost moved that the P&T Committee finds all of the agents to be equally safe and efficacious. The motion was approved with unanimous votes by Kort DeLost, Karen Gunning, Dr. Ward, Dr. Brownstein, Brandon Jennings, Beth Johnson, and Tim Morley.

4. Alpha Adrenergic Eye Drops: Melissa Archer addressed the P&T Committee and presented the College of Pharmacy's summary and findings on the topic.

Karen asked if any information was available on the concomitant use with beta blockers. This had not been included in the literature search.

The Committee asked if utilization of apraclonidine was really that low. Dr. Archer stated that she had contacted several community pharmacies to check on utilization, and the three prescriptions for Medicaid sounds about right.

Karen Gunning asked if she thought there was a difference in safety with the allergic conjunctivitis with apraclonidine. Dr. Ward stated there is also a secondary safety concern with forcing change when over 90% of clients are already on brimonidine.

Karen moved that there is a safety concern with the products both in terms of side-effect profile and in terms of switching. The DOH was urged to include brimonidine from that standpoint. Kort DeLost seconded the motion. The motion was approved with unanimous votes by Kort DeLost, Karen Gunning, Dr. Ward, Dr. Brownstein, Brandon Jennings, Beth Johnson, and Tim Morley.

Brandon Jennings moved to support the use of generics if at all possible. Karen Gunning seconded the motion. The motion was approved with unanimous votes by Kort DeLost, Karen Gunning, Dr. Ward, Dr. Brownstein,

Brandon Jennings, Beth Johnson, and Tim Morley.

Next Meeting Set for Thursday, August 19, 2010.
Meeting Adjourned.

Minutes prepared by Jennifer Zeleny